

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0020] with the following amended paragraph:

[0020] Figure 3 is a flow chart of method 120 for printing a pattern. Method 120 includes stage 122 of determining an illumination scheme in response to the pattern, and stage 124 of directing, in response to the determination, at least one beam of radiation having a first cross-section towards an saturable absorber such as to allow a portion of said beam to propagate towards a radiation sensitive layer; ~~whereas~~ wherein the portion has a second cross-section that is smaller than the first cross-section. In some cases the second cross-section is about half of the first cross-section.